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**REMARKS**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as being anticipated by U.S. patent No. 4,669,410 to Howell. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's position.


Applicant has added the words 'coplanarly extending' to clarify that the "external" surface is actually external. The porthole disclosed in Howell's patent shows a "transverse wall 13 extending from one end of the axial wall 12". Col. 2, lines 1-2. This "one end" is internal also, not external as in Applicant's claim 1.

The aerodynamic forces that Applicant is concerned with in its invention will make Howell's disclosure unworkable if implemented to replace the claimed combination.

Applicant believes his application is now allowable and ready to be passed to publication and requests an early favorable action.

Respectfully submitted,

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